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People in the news

Amarendu Prakash takes charge as Steel Authority of India Ltd chairman

- ❖ Amarendu Prakash has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) from May 31.
- ❖ He has been leading the Bokaro Steel Plant as Director In-charge since September 2020 and briefly took on additional charge as Director In-Charge of the Rourkela Steel Plant, IISCO and Durgapur Steel Plant.



History of SAIL

- ❖ The Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) is one of the largest steel-making companies in India. It was established on January 19, 1954, with its headquarters in New Delhi.
- ❖ In the 1970s and 1980s, SAIL embarked on a major expansion plan to increase its steel production capacity.
- ❖ It established new steel plants, including Bokaro Steel Plant in Jharkhand, Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant in Karnataka, Salem Steel Plant in Tamil Nadu, and Alloy Steels Plant in West Bengal.

Medical University. K. Narayanasamy took charge as Vice Chancellor

- ❖ Dr. K. Narayanasamy took charge as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University.
- ❖ 10th Vice-Chancellor of Medical University As Dr. Sudha Seshayan's tenure ended in December last year, a selection committee was set up to select a new Vice-Chancellor.
- ❖ In this situation, Governor RN Ravi appointed Dr. K. Narayanasamy, who was the Principal of Kilpauk Government Medical College, as the new Vice-Chancellor two days ago.
- ❖ K. Narayanasamy will hold this responsibility for the next three years.





Awards and Honors

“AIIMS Nagpur” Becomes 1st AIIMS to Receive NABH Accreditation

- ❖ “The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)” in Nagpur, Maharashtra has become the first of all AIIMS to be accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH).
- ❖ NABH is a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), set up to establish and operate accreditation programme for healthcare organisations.
- ❖ National Accreditation Board for Healthcare Providers (NABH) accreditation is a globally recognized standard for healthcare quality.
- ❖ The National Accreditation Board for Healthcare Providers evaluates a hospital's performance in several areas, including patient care, safety and organizational performance.



Book and Author

A book titled “Ringside” written by Dr. Vijay Darda

- ❖ Renowned author and Congress MP Dr. Shashi Tharoor released the book "Ringside" written by Lokmat Media Group Editorial Board Chairman and former MP Dr. Vijay Darda.
- ❖ “Ringside” is a compilation of Dr Darda’s weekly articles(218) published between 2011 and 2016 in Lokmat Media Group newspapers and other leading national and regional dailies.

The essence of the book

- ❖ The book serves as a follow-up to Dr. Darda’s previous work, “Straight Thoughts”
- ❖ “Ringside” provides readers with insight into contemporary political, social, cultural and important events and developments.
- ❖ With a comprehensive exploration of important topics, the book aims to engage readers and provide a deeper understanding of the current political and social landscape.

Science and Technology

Black hole in the galaxy GS – 9029

- ❖ A professor of cosmology Karina Kapudi has been discovered a galaxy GS-9029 is in 2004.
- ❖ Astronomers have discovered a black hole in this galaxy, five times larger than expected.
- ❖ The hole is located 25 billion light-years from Earth.
- ❖ Based on the number of stars it contains, scientists say it is five times larger than expected.



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Economy and Banking

IITMRP & RBIH Collaborates To Launch Voice Banking Solution

- ❖ IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP), not for profit company promoted by the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) and IITM Incubation Cell (IITMIC) have joined hands with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), to introduce voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers across India.
- ❖ The voice-based banking solution aims at conducting basic banking transactions through voice-controls in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and English, in the initial stage.
- ❖ Voice-banking will assist the illiterate and the visually impaired in their banking needs. IITMRP, IITMIC, and RBIH partnered with State Bank of India (SBI), Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, and IDFC First Bank for the 'Vaultor Voice' voice banking hackathon at IIT Madras Research Park. The event aimed to explore voice-based banking solutions, fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and leading banks.

India Conducts Asia's 1st Performance-based Helicopter Navigation

- ❖ India conducted Asia's first demonstration of performance-based navigation for helicopters. The flight from Juhu (a suburb of Mumbai), Maharashtra to Pune, Maharashtra was made using GAGAN (GPS (Global Positioning System) Aided GEO Augmented Navigation) satellite technology, which allows high-quality of air traffic management.
- ❖ The GAGAN technology was jointly developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Key Points

- ❖ The GAGAN technology supports the aircraft/helicopters with guided landing at airports which do not have instrument landing systems for low-visibility operations.
- ❖ All the registered aircraft in India will have to comply with GAGAN by December 2025.
- ❖ As helicopters which fly at much lower levels are always at risk for locational inaccuracy specially in case of accidents for search and rescue operations, the GAGAN technology will enhance better traffic management of both aircraft and helicopters in the Indian air space.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates National Training Centre for FSSAI

- ❖ On May 31 2023, Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh (UP).



Key People

- ❖ Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, Minister of State (MOS), MOH&FW; G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FSSAI, S Gopalakrishnan, Special Secretary, MoH&FW, and General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd), MoS of Civil Aviation and Road Transport & Highways, were present at the event.

Significance of the Center

- ❖ The new National Training Centre of the FSSAI will provide structured instruction, practice, and learning experiences to bridge the gap between existing knowledge and desired knowledge in the field of food safety and standards.
- ❖ National Training Centre is established to offer various training programs.
- ❖ As mandated by the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act 2006 and the FSS Rules, 2011, FSSAI is responsible for providing training to individuals involved in food businesses, including food business operators, employees, Food Safety Officers, and designated officers.
- ❖ This will also ensure the development of a future-ready workforce committed to ensuring safe and wholesome food for the citizens of India.

Meity launches pilot project on Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing

- ❖ On May 31, 2023, The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) launched a pilot project on Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing (ERSO) in Bengaluru, Karnataka which will run for three months (from May 31, 2023) on a trial basis with five companies, namely Flex, Lenovo, CTDI, R-Logic, and Aforeserve.

Key Points

- ❖ Through the ERSO scheme, India hopes to capture 20% of the global repair service market (in five years) which is currently valued at USD 100 billion.
- ❖ At present, India's revenue from repair services is about USD 350 million which is likely to be USD 20 billion in the next 5 years.
- ❖ This initiative will also support Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment).
- ❖ Meity, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) converged with industry to make India the most attractive repair destination for ICT (Information and Communications Technology) products globally.

International news

Terrorism is a major threat to international peace

- ❖ The meeting of BRICS foreign ministers, which includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, began in Cape Town, the capital of South Africa.
- ❖ In this three-day meeting Minister S. Inaugural Address by Jaishankar: Terrorism is one of the major threats to international peace. He said that all countries should work together to suppress financial support and propaganda for terrorism.





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- ❖ It is noteworthy that India will preside over the next meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in July and the G-20 summit in September.
- ❖ Minister Jaishankar will visit Namibia from June 4 to June 6 following his South Africa visit.

Prasanda meeting with the President

- ❖ Nepal Prime Minister Prasanda who has come to India met and talked with President Draupadi Murmu, the Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar.
- ❖ Welcoming Prasanda at the President's House in Delhi, Draupadi Murmu said:
- ❖ India has always given priority to Nepal. India is committed to enhance development cooperation with the country. Mutual cooperation has been growing stronger in recent times.
- ❖ Bilateral trade has been maintained despite the difficult situation of the Corona outbreak. The seamless border between India and Nepal promotes tourism on both sides.
- ❖ Murmu said that the spiritual tour program should be revived to strengthen people-to-people ties between the two countries.
- ❖ Prasanda met Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar at his official residence.

